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Ben Schapiro: From the Director's Desk

Happy New Year to all! For Morton Grove Public Library, the year 2008 means 70 years of serving our public. The Library has come a long way from that first barrel of books at the local general store. (I've always wondered which books sank to the bottom of the barrel because no one wanted to read them.)

A New Year means new plans. Here are a few highlights.

We're pleased to announce that we will re-configure the current Reference Collection area as a quiet reading space – something the Library has needed for quite a while. Less clutter and more comfortable furniture will give adults a place to focus on reading – for as long as they want. It might not be "pin drop" quiet, but it will be relaxing.

We're also excited to inform you that MGPL has been nominated for *Library Journal's* "Best Small Library in America" award. Cosponsored by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the award honors the public library that most profoundly demonstrates outstanding service to populations of 25,000 or less. Thanks to all the

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Happy 70th Anniversary, MGPL!

The Morton Grove Public Library is celebrating its 70th anniversary in 2008. Throughout the year, there will be special events, displays and activities tied in to the seven decades of the Library's history.

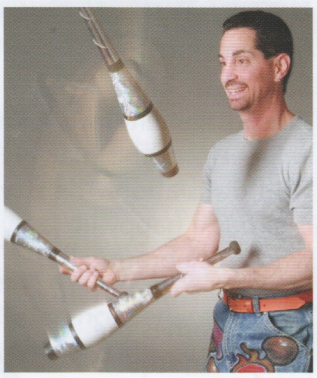
A special thank you to the many people who submitted entries in the slogan contest and to the judges who selected the winner and two runners-up. The winning slogan was submitted by Morton Grove resident Caroline Nakic:

Morton Grove Public Library
Great since 1938
70th Anniversary

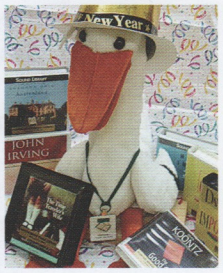
Juggling Comedy Magic with Rick Colen

Sat., Jan. 12, 2 pm

Rick Colen juggles knives, balances on chairs and performs magic with great flare. This Ringling Brothers Circus performer is a veteran entertainer who has headlined at Navy Pier and performed nationwide.



Warm Up with a Good Book!



Winter Reading Program for Adults and Teens
January 2 – February 22

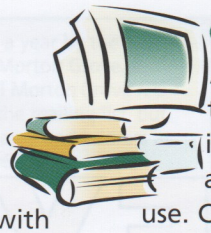
When the weather outside is frightful, a good book is so delightful! Adults and teens (grades 7 and up) are eligible to win prizes in weekly drawings and for a grand prize to be awarded at the concert, *Music from the Oscars,* on February 24. Entering is easy: check out whatever books and audio books you want to read/listen to and fill out a bookmark (available at the Checkout Desk) for each item. When you return to the Library, drop off your completed bookmarks in the Winter Reading entry box at the Checkout Desk. For every book/audio book you read, you will have two chances to win a prize: in the weekly drawings to be held on Fridays; and at the end of the program, in a final drawing. Three *Keep Warm in Winter* kits will be awarded each Friday between Jan. 4 and Feb. 22, and one grand prize will be awarded Feb. 24. Entries must be received by 9 pm, Thursday, for each Friday's drawing.

Music from the Oscars

Sun., Feb. 24, 2 pm

Get ready for the Academy Awards presentation! Well-known pianist Eugene Kwok will perform music from Oscar-winning movies.

Computer Classes



Individual, Hands-on Tutorials

Morton Grove residents can learn how to use a computer with a one-on-one, hands-on tutorial guided by an MGPL Librarian. Call 847-929-5101 to schedule an appointment for one or more of the sessions listed below.

- Using a computer mouse
- Basic Internet
- Setting up a free e-mail account
- Using iBistro, the Library's computer catalog
- Using EBSCO, the magazine database for research

Computer Coach

A volunteer computer instructor will be available on a limited basis to answer questions and to demonstrate computer use. Call MGPL's Coordinator of Programming, Nancy Brothers, at 847-929-5122 to schedule an appointment with the volunteer computer coach.

What's New in Microsoft Word 2007?

Sat., Jan. 5, 2 pm

Microsoft Word 2007 has a new user interface whose features, look, and layout were designed based on research and direct feedback from users. Cheryl Brown, a Computer Instructor from Oakton Community College, will demonstrate some of the new features such as:

- A ribbon replaces the menus and toolbars.
- Contextual tabs appear only when needed.
- A mini toolbar pops up when you select text.
- Galleries make it easier to format text, tables, and charts.
- Live Preview shows you the changes in your text before you click, eliminating trial and error.

Registration is required; call 847-929-5101 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

NEW for the New Year

Instant messaging for information NOW: http://chat.webrary.org
During Library hours, you can now chat with a Reference Librarian using a chat window on the Live Chat web page. Click on the "Ask a Librarian" graphic in the top right corner of most Library web pages to send your message. An MGPL Reference Librarian will respond to your question and provide an answer or a suggestion on where to look for an answer. You can also add the Library's chat name, AskMGPL, as a buddy to your favorite chat program (GoogleTalk, AIM, Yahoo Chat).

Whenever the Library is closed or MGPL staff are not available, chat links throughout our site will bring you to the AskAway chat service, a network of Illinois and Wisconsin libraries; you will be chatting with a professional librarian, but not a librarian at the Morton Grove Public Library.

"Did You Know?" is a topical, timely, fun blog that the Reference Librarians have started to keep the Morton Grove community informed about the Library – and about many other interesting things! Take a look and let us know what you think. Go to: mgplinfo.blogspot.com.

"By the Book" Blog: Are you interested in hearing about the latest novels, reviews, author news, and Library book discussions? By the Book Blog is a one-stop shop for book lovers. Go to: mgplbythebook.blogspot.com.

Using Standard & Poor's NetAdvantage

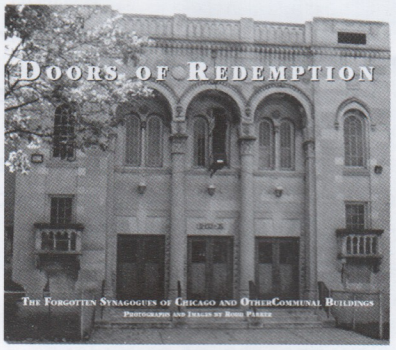
Tues., Jan. 22, 7 pm

NetAdvantage provides investors with independent credit ratings, indices, risk evaluation, investment research and data. Dan Sovocool, Director of Reference Markets for Standard and Poor's Government and University Division, will demonstrate how to use the online database. Registration is required; call 847-929-5101 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

Buzzy Wuzzy Busy Fly

(in Russian)
Sat., Jan. 26, 2 pm

The Russian Literature Kids' Group will perform this play in Russian, with translation. The story is about a happy little fly who is celebrating her birthday when a nasty spider crashes the party. A mosquito saves the day.



Doors of Redemption: Forgotten Synagogues of Chicago

Sun., Jan. 27, 2 pm

Robb Packer is a building inspector who has compiled a fascinating photographic history of Chicago synagogue architecture and stories about how these buildings have evolved into churches, Asian temples, condos, community buildings, and even a mosque. Join us for a pictorial discussion of his book, *Doors of Redemption, Forgotten Synagogues of Chicago.*

Finding Sanity in Today's World: Decluttering Your Life

Thurs., Jan. 31, 7 pm

Start the New Year off by decluttering your life! Learn how to reduce paper and clutter in your home and at work, easily locate those important notes and phone numbers, prevent interruptions, and save yourself hours of time and stress every week. Instructor: Karen Chan, University of Illinois Extension. Register by calling 847-929-5101 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

Movies, Munchies and More!

The Library hosts a program that provides entertainment and education, plus light refreshments, every Tuesday at 11:30 am. Join us for travelogs, films, concerts, live presentations, and more. You can bring your lunch or just enjoy coffee and munchies. Call 847-929-5101 for further information.

In January, Movies, Munchies & More will feature the series of *Die Hard* films starring Bruce Willis. See page 7 for the film schedule. In February, join us for:

WHAT'S UP WITH THE WEATHER
(Documentary)
Tues., Feb. 5, 11:30 am
See details on page 7

KIDS' BOOKS FOR ALL AGES
Tues., Feb. 12, 11:30 am
Terry Carey, Head of MGPL's Youth Services Department, will present a multimedia introduction to children's books of interest to adults spotlighting new titles.

JOHN STEINBECK'S EAST OF EDEN
Tues., Feb. 19, 11:30
See details on page 7

BUTTERFLIES ARE FREE
Tues., Feb. 26, 11:30 am
See details on page 7

Lyric Opera Profile

Sun., Feb. 10, 2 pm

Dr. Michael Altman, of the Skokie Valley Chapter of the Lyric Opera, presents a profile of Rossini's famous story about how Figaro, the Barber of Seville, devises a scheme to help Count Almaviva (disguised as a poor student) woo the beautiful Rosina, ward of Doctor Bartolo.

The Tale of Soldier Fedot

Sat., Feb. 16, 2 pm
Sun., Feb. 17, 2 pm

The Russian theater group, Libitum, presents their premiere performance of a satiric comedy, *The Tale of Soldier Fedot, the Daring Fellow,* written by Leonid Filatov. The play will be performed in Russian.

A Visit With Mrs. Lincoln

Sun., Feb. 3, 2 pm

Valerie Gugala portrays Mary Todd Lincoln and discusses her childhood in Lexington, courtship, early married life in Springfield and life in the White House during the Civil War. Co-sponsored by the Morton Grove Historical Society.

Plan Well, Retire Well

Tues., Feb. 26, 7 pm

Explore with Karen Chan, University of Illinois Extension, how your savings can grow between now and retirement. Learn the basics of investing and how to get the most out of your tax-deferred retirement plans. Calculate where you are now, and how much you will need to save for the retirement you want. Registration required; please call 847-929-5101 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

CALENDAR

January

1	Tu.		Closed for New Year's Day
5	Sa.	2 pm	Word 2007: reg. req.
6	Su.	3 pm	Book discussion at Starbucks
8	Tu.	11:30 am	Film
10	Th.	7:30 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
13	Su.	3-5 pm	Scrabble and Chess
15	Tu.	11:30 am	Film
17	Th.	10 am	Book Discussion
17	Th.	2& 7 pm	Feature Film
22	Tu.	11:30 am	Film
22	Tu.	7 pm	Using Standard and Poor's NetAdvantage: reg. req.
22	Tu.	7 pm	Book Discussion
26	Sa.	10 am	Making Valentines: reg. req.
26	Sa.	2 pm	Buzzy Wuzzy: Russian Play
27	Su.	2 pm	Author Talk
29	Tu.	11:30 am	Film
31	Th.	pm	Decluttering: reg. req.

February

3	Su.	2 pm	A Visit with Mrs. Lincoln
3	Su.	3 pm	Book Discussion at Starbucks
5	Tu.	11:30 am	Documentary
10	Su.	2 pm	Lyric Opera Profile
10	Su.	3-5 pm	Scrabble and Chess
11	Mo.	2 pm	Film
12	Tu.	11:30 am	Kids Books for All Ages
14	Th.	7:30 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
16	Sa.	2 pm	Tale of Soldier Fedot
17	Su.	2 pm	Tale of Soldier Fedot
19	Tu.	11:30 am	Film
21	Th.	10 am	Book Discussion
21	Th.	2 & 7 pm	Feature Film
23	Sa.	10 am	Embossing: reg. req.
24	Su.	2 pm	Music from the Oscars
25	Mo.	2 pm	Film
26	Tu.	11:30 am	Film
26	Tu.	7 pm	Plan Well, Retire Well: reg. req.
26	Tu.	7 pm	Book Discussion

TEEN CALENDAR

January

5	Sa.	1 pm	Beads for Teens: reg. req.
10	Th.	7 pm	TLC
11	Fr.	5 pm	Animé Club
19	Sa.	3 pm	Beads for Teens: reg. req.
19	Sa.	1 pm	Guitar Hero
21	Mo.	6 pm	Gettin' Saucy: reg. req.
28	Mo.	6 pm	READ @ Starbucks: reg. req.

February

2	Sa.	1 pm	Beads for teens: reg. req.
3	Su.	1 pm	Gettin' Saucy: reg. req.
8	Fr.	5 pm	Animé Club
14	Th.	7 pm	TLC & Movie Night
23	Sa.	1 pm	Guitar Hero
23	Sa.	3 pm	Beads for Teens: reg. req.
25	Mo.	6 pm	READ @ Starbucks: reg. req.

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CALENDAR

January

Knitting Club, every Mon. at 4 pm
Listen Up!, every Tues. at 10 am
Wee Read, every Fri. at 11 am.

2	We.	4:30 pm	Chess Club
4	Fr.	4 pm	Drama Club
5	Sa.	11 am	Sing With Me: reg. req.
11	Fr.	4 pm	Kids Flicks: TBA
12	Sa.	10-4	Crafty Sat.
		10	Moovin' n' Groovin': reg. req.
		2 pm	Juggling Comedy Magic
13	Su.	2 pm	Mapping Morton Grove, Gr. 3-6: reg. req.
16	We.	6:30 pm	Preschool Fair
18	Fr.	4 pm	Newspaper Workshop, Gr. 2-6, Pt. 1: reg. req.
19	Sa.	12-1 pm	Guitar Hero – Gr. 4-6
21	Mo.	2 pm	Dance Like a Cheetah Girl: Gr. 4 and up.
23	We.	4:30 pm	Chicago Wolves
25	Fr.	4 pm	Valentine Craft, Gr. 3-6; reg. req.
26	Sa.	11 am	Sat. Wee Read

February

Knitting Club, every Mon. at 4 pm
Listen Up!, every Tues. at 10 am
Wee Read, every Fri. at 11 am

1	Fr.	4 pm	Drama Club
2	Sa.	11 am	CSI: Creative Science Investigators
6	We.	4:30 pm	Chess Club
7	Th.	6:30 pm	Fun with Spot; reg. req.
8	Fr.	4 pm	Kids Flicks: TBA
9	Sa.	10-4	Crafty Sat.
		10 am	Moovin' n' Groovin': reg. req.
		2 pm	First & Goal – Chicago Bears
13	We.	6 pm	Beading Class: reg. req., gr. 2-6
15	Fr.	4 pm	Story Theater: reg. req.
18	Mo.	2 pm	African Village Folktales
22	Fr.	4 pm	Newspaper Workshop, Gr. 2-6, Pt. 2: reg. req.
23	Sa.	11 am	Wee Read
		12-1 pm	Guitar Hero – Gr. 4-6
24	Su.	2 pm	Brain Building for Boys ONLY! Gr. 3-6; reg. req.
28	Th.	6-7 pm	Dance Like a Cheetah Girl, Gr. 4 and up

Youth Services Classes

Winter Session runs January 7 through Frbruary 29. Registration required for the following classes.

Library Playtime

2-Year-Olds & Parents or Caregivers
Thurs., 10:30 am
Class limit 12 children, 12 parents

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3 – Kindergarten
Wed., 10:30 am and Thurs., 1 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff

Grade K, 1, and 2; Tues., 6:30 pm
Class limit – 12

DROP-IN CLASSES

Knitting Club

Mondays, 4-5 pm
No registration required. Bring a project or learn a new one. Ages 6 and up.

Listen Up!

Tuesdays at 10 am
Drop-in storytime for preschool children and their caregivers. Children hear stories and songs, interact in a group and do a craft.

Family Chess

First Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm.
Beginners and experienced players of ALL ages are welcome. Chess boards are always available!

Wee Read Lapsit Program

For ages 0 – 24 months. Hear songs and stories and enjoy playtime every Friday at 11 am. Also offered on Saturday, Jan. 26, and Feb. 23, at 11 am.

Drama Club

Friday, Jan 4, 4-5 pm.
Friday, Feb 1, 4-5 pm.
Ages 6-12. Learn to love acting and meet new friends with fun-filled activities.

Crafty Saturdays

Jan. 12 and Feb. 9, 10 am – 4 pm while supplies last. Drop in to the Youth Services Dept. to make a seasonal craft.

To register: 847-929-5102 or stop by the youth Services Desk.

Sing With Me!

Sat., Jan. 5, 11 am

Join us for a Wintertime Variety Show featuring a musical puppet theater. Registration required.; limit 15 children.

First Ever! Battle of the Books Showdown – Morton Grove vs. Niles

Mon., Jan. 7, 7 pm

Come to the library's Baxter Room to cheer on the team representing Morton Grove Public Library as they compete against Niles Public Library's championship team. A repeat match at Niles Public Library will be held Wed., Jan. 9, at 7 pm. The team with the highest combined score will be the overall winner.

Moovin' 'n Groovin' for Ages 2-4

Sat., Jan. 12 and Feb. 9, 10 am

Do you have a toddler who likes to dance? Join YS staff member Helen Weiss in this fun, physical activity class that includes music, dancing, marching, musical instruments, parachute games and creative movement. For ages 2-4. Class size 12; registration required.

Mapping Morton Grove

Sun., Jan. 13, 2 pm

Maps can show growth of a community. Join us as we draw, cut, color, and glue to create huge geopictorial maps of Morton Grove from the years 1940, 1960, 1980 and 2000. These maps will be displayed in the Library during our 70th Anniversary Year. Grades 3-6. Limit 20 children; registration required.

Preschool & Day Care Fair

Wed., Jan. 16, 6:30-7:30 pm

The Youth Services Department is hosting a Preschool and Day Care Fair. Representatives of area establishments providing preschool and day care services will be available to answer questions and provide information about their programs. No registration is required.

70th Anniversary Newspaper Workshop – Two Parts

Fri., Jan. 18, 4-5 pm
Fri., Feb. 22, 4-5 pm

Join us for a fun and informative writing workshop exploring the world of journalism. The workshop will focus on writing articles, research, and interviewing skills. The final product will be a real newspaper complete with advertising, digital photography and cartoons. For grades 2-6. Registration is required; limited to 25 children.

Guitar Hero for Gr. 4-6

Sat., Jan. 19, 12-1 pm
Sat., Feb. 23, 12-1 pm

Come rock out on the big screen in the Baxter Room. Refreshments will be served. Drop-in. (Note: Teens [gr. 7-12] will "jam" from 1-2 pm)

Dance Like a Cheetah Girl

Mon., Jan. 21, 2-3 pm
Thurs., Feb 28, 6-7 pm

Come join us in the Baxter Room to learn the dance moves of Sabrina Bryan of the Cheetah Girls with MGPL staffer Robina Button. Learn the shimmy, rock, and other slammin' dance moves to have fun and stay fit. Drop-in. For grades 4 and up. This class will be also offered in March and April.

Brain Building for Boys ONLY!

Sun., Feb. 24, 2 pm

Hey guys, team up the left and right sides of your brain to solve mind challenges of structure, discovery and improv. No "using your brain" experience necessary! Registration required; grades 3-6. Limit: 20 BOYS.

Read to Succeed with the Chicago Wolves

Wed. Jan. 23, 4:30 pm

Chicago Wolves defenseman Nathan Oystrick will talk about how important reading is in a child's life and will distribute autographed pictures. One lucky audience member will be chosen to dress up in full hockey gear.

Valentine Craft

Fri., Jan. 25, 4 pm

Make a special fabric Valentine decoration for someone you love. For children in grades 3-6; limit 15 children. Registration is required.

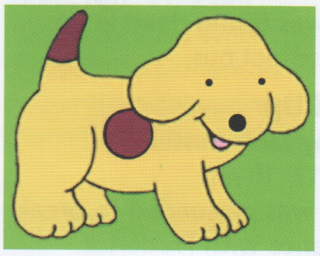
CSI: Creative Science Investigators

Sat., Feb. 2, 11 am
Lower Level Activity Room

For grades 2-6. Drop-in but limited to 15 children. Learn about and perform brand new science experiments with MGPL staff member Robina Button.

Fun with Spot

Thurs., Feb. 7, 6:30 pm



Spot has been a children's favorite for over 25 years and will visit the Library during this special event. Hear some Spot stories, join in some Spot activities and bring your camera to have your picture taken with Spot. Limit – 30 children. Recommended for age 6 and younger. Registration required.

First & Goal with Chicago Bears Mascot Staley Da Bear

Sat. Feb. 9, 2 pm

The Chicago Bears official mascot, Staley Da Bear, and his emcee show the whole family how to score a touchdown for a healthy lifestyle in this fun, innovative and high-energy program about healthy eating and fitness. Every child will receive a seven-page activity booklet.

Beading Class

Wed., Feb. 13, 6 pm

Make a cool beaded gift for your Valentine! Beaders will learn different beading techniques and take home several beaded projects. Grades 2-6; registration required.

Story Theatre with Mel Ludington

Fri., Feb. 15, 4 pm

Calling all actors! Mel Ludington, drama teacher and storyteller, will be casting and putting on a play - all in an hour and a half. The "storydrama" will be based on Rick Riordan's book, *The Lightning Thief,* about greek gods, a field trip and a magical battle. Costumes, improvisation, creative movement and choral sound will be featured and the best act will be performed as a show for an audience at 5:10 pm. For grades 3-6; reg. req.

African Village Folktales

Mon., Feb. 18, 2 pm

School's out for Presidents Day. Come to the Library and celebrate Black History Month with a dramatic and fun presentation of African folktales. The professional actors of Urban Gateways present this tribute to the rich, fertile legacy of folklore from Africa. The show will include storytelling, body movement and African Music. Stories featured are: *The Lion and the Woman, The Tug of War,* and *The Frog Who Wanted to Be a Singer.*

Babysitting Basics

Students who completed the November 2007 Babysitting Basics classes are shown with Captain Bill Porter (left) and Officer Paul Yaras (right). The next Babysitting Basics class will be held in May; watch for details in *Books & Beyond* and flyers posted in the Library.

NEW! Youth Services Online Resources

Several schools' Accelerated Reader lists are now linked to the Library's online catalog. From your home computer, you can search for your school's AR books by author, title, level or point value and with one click, know if MGPL has that title available for check-out. You can even put it on hold if the book is checked out.

Selecting the perfect book for young readers is just a "click away." This wonderful new resource lets you search by topic and grade level to find just the book you need. Animated characters even read the summary for added fun.

Textbooks Available

Forgot your book at school? Youth Services may be able to help. Golf, Melver and Park View textbooks are available for in-library use.

Stop by or call the Youth Services Desk 847-929-5102 for more information.

Exhibits

Baxter Room

Vasily Myazin exhibits his original oil and acrylic paintings on canvas, February 1-29

Lincoln Ave. Entry

January: Sample Valentines you can make: see January 26 class description

February: Books about Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Lincoln

Book Discussions

Book Discussion at Starbucks, 6763 Dempster

The World Is Flat
by Thomas L. Friedman
Sun., Jan. 6, 3 pm
Friedman discusses the growth of telecommunications, the future of the service sector and manufacturing, and the development of global Islamism in the political and economic realms.

A Thousand Splendid Suns
by Khaled Hosseini
Sun., Feb 3, 3 pm
Told over a period of 30 years, this book is the story of two Afghan women who share the same brutal, tyrannical husband. By the best-selling author of *The Kite Runner.*

Thinking Out Loud

Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen
Tues., Jan. 22, 7 pm
The gripping story of Jacob Jankowski, a young man who becomes a circus veterinarian during the Great Depression and enters a world of freaks, cheap thrills, and forbidden love.

Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer
Tues., Feb. 26, 7 pm
Now a major motion picture, *Into the Wild* is the true story of a young man who gave away his life savings, traveled across the country under different names, made his way to Alaska and was found dead in an abandoned school bus.

All Booked Up

Persuasion by Jane Austen
Thurs., Jan. 17, 10 am
Anne Elliott was persuaded to break off her romance with Frederick Wentworth. Now, eight years have passed, Anne is 27 and considered a spinster, and her former fiancé is courting her neighbor. The film *Persuasion* will be shown Thursday, Feb. 14, at 2 pm.

Eat, Pray, Love by Elizabeth Gilbert
Thurs, Feb. 21, 10 am
In her quest for self-awareness, renewal, and healing, Gilbert embarks on a journey across Italy, India, and Indonesia.

Wired Teen Zone

To register for these programs: call 847-929-5101 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

Teen Library Council (TLC)
Thurs., Jan. 10, 7 pm
Thurs., Feb. 14, 6 pm: TLC and Movie Night (TBA)
Meet new friends, get involved in fun activities, tell us what you want to see at the Library, and earn volunteer service hours in the process!

Read, Eat, and Discuss @ Starbucks
The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big Round Things by Carolyn Mackler
Mon, Jan. 28, 6 pm, reg. req.
Boy Meets Boy by David Levithan
Mon, Feb. 25, 6 pm, reg. req.

Guitar Hero
Sat., Jan. 19, and Feb. 23, 1-2 pm
Channel your inner Rock Star!

Gettin' Saucy Teen Cooking Class
Join us to prepare and eat Indian specialties. Reg. req.
Mon., Jan. 21, 6 pm
Learn to cook Moroccan cuisine. Reg. req.
Sun., Feb. 3, 1 pm

Beads for Teens
Sat., Jan. 5, 1 pm
Sat., Jan. 19, 3 pm
Sat., Feb. 2, 1 pm
Sat., Feb. 23, 3 pm
Earrings, bracelets, necklaces, book thongs... Come to the Library and make gifts for yourself, your friends and family. Supplies and instruction will be provided. Grades 7-12. Reg. req.

Animé Club
Fri., Jan. 11, and Feb. 8, 5 pm
All teens are invited to our first meetings of the Animé Club @ MGPL. Get together to discuss manga, view animé, and have snacks. Reg. req.

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MGPL is a public building; any public building may be potentially dangerous for a child who is left unattended. In order to ensure the safety of all of MGPL's patrons, children under the age of 8 must be accompanied at all times by a parent or responsible caregiver (high school age or older) while in the Library.

Changes and Cancellations
Classes, programs, and films are subject to change and may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Please call the Library at 847-929-5101 (for adult and teen programs) or 847-929-5102 (for children's programs) to confirm scheduled events.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

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residents, Mayor Krier, the Park District, and the School Districts serving Morton Grove who have all contributed letters of support. We'll keep you posted as to the results.

This year, we'll increase the number of professional librarians to better serve you. We will add a full time librarian to the Adult Services reference team.

In addition, we're pleased that we'll be able retain a couple of valuable people who joined us on a temporary basis last year. In 2007, a grant from the Illinois State Library made it possible to bring in Karina Guico as assistant for Program Coordinator Nancy Brothers. Karina has done such a fantastic job emceeing events, working with performers and developing some very imaginative displays that she will become a regular part of the staff when the grant ends.

The same grant also made it possible to hire an additional part time children's librarian. Brenda Glenn's work with elementary and middle school patrons – developing programs, hosting events and coordinating extravaganza productions like the multi-school Rock Paper Scissors contest – has been so good, she too, will remain on our staff.

Finally, we need to inform you that effective January 1, 2008, the Illinois Library Records Confidentiality Act will change to allow police and other law enforcement officers to gain access to some patron information, not related to their reading or borrowing, without a court order. This change has some implications for the Library's policies. Please be assured that while MGPL will always comply fully with the law, we also strive to protect your privacy.

For 2008, MGPL will continue its process of improving and adapting its services to reach out to our patrons and fill their information, leisure and educational needs.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Tuesday, Jan. 1: New Year's Day

The building will be closed but online services are available 24/7/365. Go to: 24-7.webrary.org.

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